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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (Form 10-900-a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead

Other names/site number: N/A

### 2. Location

Street & number: RR  not for publication

City or town: Beresford  vicinity

State: South Dakota Code: SD County: Lincoln Code: 083 Zip code: 57004

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination request for determination of eligibility  meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Date 1/18/74  
Signature and title of certifying official

SHPO South Dakota  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action  
[Signature] 3/17/74

Tuntland Farmstead  
Name of Property

Lincoln, SD  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public - local
- public - State
- public - Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>3</u>		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/  
agricultural outbuilding/animal  
facility

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/  
agricultural outbuilding

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Folk Victorian

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation stone/poured concrete  
walls wood  
roof metal/wood/asphalt  
other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1878-1943

**Significant Dates**

1878

1890

1922

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Bullder**

UNKNOWN

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

State Hist. Pres. Center

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Lincoln SD  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** less than 1

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared by**

Name/Title: Arlene Fossum w/ tech assistance from Melissa Dirr, shpo staff  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 1993  
Street & Number: RR 1 Box 39 Telephone: (605) 987-5218  
City or Town: Canton State: South Dakota Zip code: 57013

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Arlene Fossum  
Street & Number: RR 1 Box 39 Telephone: 605-987-5218  
City or Town: Canton State: SD Zip code: 57013

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**Narrative Description:**

Located in the rural Beresford are the Peder and Helga Tuntland Farm is a good example of farm evolution from small homestead to successful working modern day farm. The house, its outhouse and the barn comprise this nomination. The t-shaped frame house with cross gable roof was completed by 1899 and typifies the folk Victorian style of architecture. In 1922 the barn was completed as is evident by the large date inscribed on the hay mow door.

The main portion of the house or cross bar of the t-plan has a small two story porch and balcony of turned wooden posts and balusters. Fenestration throughout the building consists of one over one double hung sashes and on this facade one window is located on neither side of the porch on the first floor. Centered above the balcony is a small front cross gable with a centered door capped by shingling to the apex of the gable. One diamond shaped stained glass window is located on either side of this door. A single front door provides the symmetry for the main facade.

The east side of the building provides the more used family entrance to the house as well as a second L-shaped porch also with turned posts and balusters similar to the front porch. The gable end of the main portion of the house is visible on this facade along with a second smaller cross gable on the leg of the t-plan. Fenestration consists of a single paned main level window with glass transom above which is a paired set of one over one double hung sashes. The remainder of the gable end is sheathed with shingles. The main level leg of the t-plan has its own shed roof covering the L-shaped porch. Two doors enter the house from this porch. The entrance used by the family opens into the leg of the T that is a small family room with large wood burning stove. The second door pierces the back side of the crossbar of the T and enters across from the front, south, entrance into the back of the parlor. One window is located in this porch. Above the porch roof one window is centered in the cross gable of the leg of the T.

The back, north, facade of the building has two small one story rooms with a shed roof that are most likely the oldest portion of the building. These rooms house the kitchen and the ground level entrance to the basement. All fenestration in this section is again one over one double hung sashes except one window facing north that is two over two. Located on the northwest corner of the house is a small one seater outhouse. This was known by the family as the "Norwegian Tabernacle" The six by seven foot outhouse has a wood shingled gable roof, clad with wood siding and retains a small wooden cupola for ventilation.

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The interior of the building also retains a high degree of integrity. Known in the family as the "bachelors" house, the building suffered few alterations of convenience. The original oak floors are in place, the wood burning cook stove

remains in occasional use, the bedrooms retain much of their original furnishings, and the woodwork including detailed corner moldings are present throughout the house. In 1963 some updated plumbing was installed and a new sink in the kitchen. A shower and half bath were put in the downstairs bedroom closet. These are the only updates made to the house. Many original Tuntland family items such as the beds, rocking chairs, a fainting couch, dressers, photographs, and dishes remain in use.

As they became more prosperous in the 1950's they began to repair the aging farm buildings. The basement of the house was repaired and the stone foundation replaced with cement block. Porch railings were broken and they went to great lengths to find replacements and make repairs that matched the originals.

#### BARN

The frame gambrel roof barn faces south and is in good condition. A large date block proclaiming the 1922 completion date is present on the hay mow doors on the south facade of the barn. The construction materials and method are balloon-frame sheathed with wood weatherboards with a stone and concrete foundation. Fenestration consists of a course of small square single sash divided lights. These windows provide a stringcourse along the first story of the barn to afford light into the main work area. Two sets of double doors, one located on the east facade and one on the west are ornamented with wood cutouts of horses heads facing each other. This adds an aesthetic appeal unusual in barn construction in this region. Four single panel doors, two on the south facade and two on the west provide easy access for humans and small numbers of cattle. The back, north facade, has been altered with a modern door to provide easy access for today's larger farm equipment. Two metal cupolas, one capped by a weather vane, adorn the zenith of the roofline.

The interior of the barn retains a partial hay mow and is primarily used for storage. Stanchions and bays for cattle have been removed to provide room for tractors and other farm machinery. Other outbuildings are present on the farm besides just the barn. There is an old storage shed that is now a garage that was built in the late twenties and altered in the late 1950s to be used as an automobile garage. A modern silo was erected in 1986 to provide more adequate grain storage facilities. There are also two other small granaries and a chicken coup. Also, located on the west side of the barn between the house and the barn

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is a modern windmill used as a pump for the well. The original windmill was replaced in the 1960s with a more efficient model.

Surrounding the entire farm is a historic shelter belt consisting of some fruit trees, shrubs and evergreens. This has been expanded with a new row of evergreens along the outer rim of the farm.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance:**

Locally significant under criterion A and C the Peder and Helga Tuntland farm is a good example of a South Dakota farm passed down through one family. The buildings reveal the ever change methods and modernization of agricultural technology as well as providing a good example of typical period house and outbuilding styles. The Tuntland Farm is historically significant for its long association with agricultural development in rural South Dakota. This collection of buildings also typifies a well preserved example of building styles on the ever evolving farmstead. Occupied and farmed by the same family since 1890 the house and barn retain a high degree of historic integrity. Under the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Plan the Tuntland farm relates to the historic context labeled IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement (1858-Present), C. Permanent Farm and Ranch Settlement 1. Farm Settlement.

Located approximately 30 miles south of Sioux Falls, the largest city in South Dakota, Beresford retains its small town feeling and its rural agricultural roots. Ethnic roots are also strong in this area with a high concentration of Norwegians and some Danes. Peder and Helga Tuntland were both Norwegian. The economic base of the area remains primarily agricultural even though expansion from nearby Sioux Falls is beginning to encroach upon the area. Land, however, was plentiful when it was opened to homesteaders in the 1870's.

It was during this time that the quarter section farm was transferred from the United States land office to Willard Proctor for \$200 on September 19, 1878. This land prospector built a small homestead shanty on the property and in turn sold it to Joseph and Samuel Hurlbut for \$1250 on October 1, 1881. Ole Tuntland and his wife Eli purchased the property in April 1890 for \$1700. It is believed that between the time when Ole bought the farm and transferred it to his son Peder in 1909 the majority of the buildings were erected. Peder married Helga in the completed house on October 21, 1899 and they remained there their entire lives. The farm house became known as a "bachelor pad" when two of the four sons of Helga and Peder never married and remained in the house all of their days as well. By this time the family was well entrenched in farming their land and the children of Peder and Helga encompassed a large area surrounding the original quarter section farm. By 1922 the Tuntland's built a new large barn proudly and boldly emblazoning the date on the haw mow doors. This was representative of their successful farming technqques.

Helga died in 1937 and later Peder in 1951 which left the farm to their sons. With new technology, two of the sons continued the family enterprise. This new technology included farming with tractors rather than horses, so the function of the buildings changed somewhat. The barn was now utilized for riding ponies and



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mules rather than work horse and the brothers had a small herd of cows and calves, raised some pigs and a few chickens.

This modern evolution of the use of buildings and farming technology is still an active part of these buildings. Presently being farmed by another bachelor member of the family the house and barn are being maintained with concern for their historic character. The house remains in the good historic condition and represents a style of an era gone by.

The folk Victorian style was a popular one in this region because of the modest income of the families building. The simple symmetrical plan of the building provided a low cost base for the permanent house and worked well with additions such as the older portions of this house. The building reveals the evolution of prosperity of this family. From the basic one room frame shelter that provided a stake for the original purchaser in 1870 to the completed version done around 1890, and definitely complete by 1899.

The period of significance of these buildings extends from the approximate date of construction of the beginning of the building, 1890, to the established 40 year cut-off date 1943.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The legal boundary of the property nominated is the sE 1/4 section of section 2, Pleasant Township.

**Boundary Justification:**

The boundaries of the properties in this nomination are drawn so as to include the house, its outhouse and the barn and only that area.

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Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
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November 1993  
State Historical Preservation Center  
View of southeast lot, camera facing northwest  
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2.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr, SHPO staff  
November 1993  
State Historical Perservation Center  
View of south facade, camera facing north  
No. 2
  
3.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr, SHPO staff  
November 1993  
State Historical Preservation Center  
View of southeast facade, camera facing northwest  
No. 3
  
4.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr SHPO staff  
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View of south facade, camera facing north  
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5.  
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State Historical Preservation Center  
View of south porch, camera facing north  
No. 5

6.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr, SHPO staff  
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State Historical Preservation Center  
View of interior  
No. 6

7.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr, SHPO staff  
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State Historical Preservation Center  
View of outhouse, camera facing west  
No. 7

8.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
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View of south facade of barn, camera facing north  
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9.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
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State Historical Preservation Center  
View of east facade of barn ,camera facing west  
No.9

10.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr  
November 1993  
State Historical Preservation Center  
View of southeast corner of barn, camera facing northwest  
No. 10

11.  
Tuntland, Peder and Helga Farmstead  
Lincoln County, SD  
Photo by: Melissa A. Dirr  
November 1993  
State Historical Preservation Center  
View of west facade of barn, camera facing east.  
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